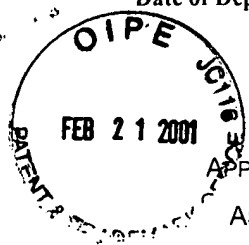


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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 15966-585A (CURA-85A)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Prayaga *et al.*
ASSIGNEE : CuraGen Corporation
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/687,276 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE : October 13, 2000 ART UNIT : 1645
FOR : NOVEL THYMOSIN BETA 10-LIKE PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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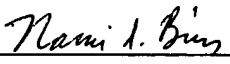
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the November 21, 2000, Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 21, 2001. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-585A (Cura-85A). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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